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Alberta's tourist trade is expected to reach a gross volume of more than \$15,000,000 this year with the possibility that there will be even a larger gain over the \$13,500,000 total in 1947.

Provincial officials say that during the last two months, thousands of U.S. cars have crossed into Alberta to visit the national parks and other pleasure resorts.

The U.S. regulations which permit those visiting Canada for a short period to take back \$400 worth of merchandise duty free are also believed to be a factor in helping to increase the tourist volume.

My Week

by R. J. Deachman

Does the world owe you a living? The last word I have on that question is very clear, definite and explicit—it doesn't. If you want to get a living you have to go out and hunt for it and the best of good luck to you.

It happened this way: I offered a small prize for the best answers to seven definite assertions, were they true or false? I give you now some of the answers received. If you can think of better answers drop me a line and I'll send you a copy of the prize winning answer to the whole seven.

"The world owes everybody a living," so ran the statement, and one of the nearest answers received to this statement came from Walter Dale of Montreal.

(1) True, but to collect you must present your bill for services rendered.

Good wasn't it. He gave a definite answer, it took only twelve words. It means that you and I and the rest of the people must give something for what we get.

Another reply was:

(2) False, even birds and beasts must work for a living.

This answer came from F. H. Avery of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. It too is quite convincing. If the birds and beasts can't get away with it, how can men and women get what they want without working for it. Here's another answer to the same statement:

(3) False, the world is everybody and everybody is the world. Rather absurd.

It is absurd when you put it that way isn't it. If it were true that the world owes everybody a living it would mean that all the people of the world owe all the people of the world a living. We see many things

lightly—how little there is in them when we come to think of it.

Here is a man who had a solid concept of reality. His reply was: (4) False, all must meet their obligations, make a living and leave the world better for our sojourn.

I like that statement. If that thought could be buried deep in the hearts of men and women the world might be a great deal happier in another hundred years.

Here is the next assertion, "This is an age of plenty."

Think that over for a minute. Then read what the experts say. This came from Gilbert Jackson of Toronto:

"True for those fortunate to live in North America, for the remaining eighteen hundred millions on this planet no."

Here's another answer from an entirely different point of view:

"Comparatively speaking more people have more material possessions than ever before but there is still a terrific demand."

"False," says John Atkins, of Brackville, "the most plentiful thing we have in this world is the illusion that planners can stretch scarce commodities to supply every one."

Now take this question: "Is it possible to increase production so as to give every Canadian a much higher standard of living?"

From Wilfrid Eggleston, well-known broadcaster and writer came this answer:

"Yes, but it means harder work or better utilization of existing resources."

From a western banker came this answer to a very different statement:

"The size of the national debt is wholly unimportant."

His reply was brief and to the point:

"The size of the national debt should be in line with ability to produce and capacity to repay."

To the statement: "If we have good times in war we can have good times in peace," a B.C. banker gave this reply:

"In war we increase the debt and thereby the interest burdens. In peace we pay off that debt or go bankrupt."

There were no foolish replies. By reading them I have increased my faith in the people of Canada. We may make mistakes but we are not stupid—we are not swept off our feet by catch-words.

What is the greatest single problem before the world today? It may sound startling but if we take the world as a whole the real question is: "Where is the next meal coming from?"

I have just written a review of a book entitled "Road to Survival". A copy of this review is going forward to the editor of this paper. I will be glad to send a copy to any who may be interested.

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The 2,500 mile trip, which lasted nine days, was made over Canadian National Railway lines. The animals were taken by special truck from Little Bras d'Or, near Sydney, N.S., to the Roper's Brook area in the Cape Breton Park where they were released. Officials of the National Parks Service and the Dominion Wildlife Service had charge of the moose during the entire trip.

At one time moose were abundant on Cape Breton Island, but excessive exploitation resulted in their extermination. In winter, when deep snow made the animals helpless, hunters often slaughtered them in their winter "yards."

Under sanctuary conditions, however, wild animals that were virtually extinct at the turn of the century are once again thriving. The buffalo is a classic example.

The re-establishment of moose in Cape Breton Highlands National Park is regarded as an important project. A recent investigation of wildlife conditions there revealed that the area is excellent moose range. Under these favourable conditions the moose should increase rapidly.

THE WORLD OF WHEAT

by H.G.L. Strange

Director "The Crop Testing Plan"

Red Bobs and Seager Wheeler

The Board of Grain Commissioners recently announced their intentions to degrade Red Bobs wheat some time in the near future, but the Alberta government has protested against any action being taken until a new wheat is produced that will take the place of Red Bobs. The Alberta Government is right; for the new variety—Saunders—bred especially to take the place of Red Bobs is still on trial.

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